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Upon reviewing the file, Applicants noted that they have not received an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO Form 1449 that accompanied an Information Disclosure Statement filed June 12, 2003. Applicants enclose herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, the PTO Form 1449, a copy of the reference, and a copy of the stamped return post card.

Applicants' records show that this information disclosure statement complied with 37 CFR 1.97. Thus, we respectfully request that the examiner initial and return this form as soon as possible.

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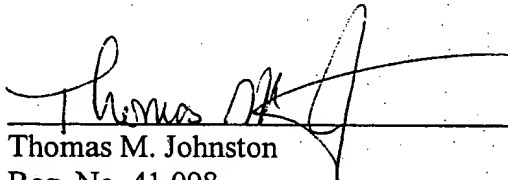
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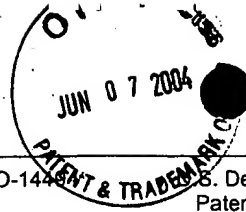
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